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SUBJECT: NYERERE AND OAU STATEMENTS ON CHITEPO ASSASSINATION

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1. PRESIDENT NYERERE SENT MESSAGE MARCH 20 TO ANC PRESIDENT MUZOREWA EXPRESSING SHOCK AT MURDER OF CHITEPO, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS "ONE OF THE LEADING COMBATANTS IN THE ZIMBABWEAN FREEDOM STRUGGLE AND ONE OF AFRICA'S "BEST REVOLUTIONARY SONS", "THIS BEASTLY ACT BY AFRICA'S ENEMIES" WILL ONLY MAKE RHODESIANS AND AFRICANS REDOUBLE THEIR EFFORTS, HE SAID, AND HE EXTENDED OFFICIAL AND PERSONAL CONDOLENCES TO ANC AND CHITEPO FAMILY.

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CONDOLENCE MESSAGES ALSO CAME FROM PRIME MINISTER

KAWAWA AND ATTORNEY GENERAL BOMANI.

2. OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE ALSO ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING: "THE MURDER OF NDUGU CHITEPO LEAVES NO DOUBT THAT THE ILLEGAL SMITH REGIME DOES NOT HAVE THE SLIGHTEST INTEREST IN PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT. IT IS CRYSTAL CLEAR WHAT LANGUAGE IS BEST UNDERSTOOD BY THESE FANATICS -- THE LANGUAGE OF FORCE*"

3. VICTORIA CHITEPO, MURDER VICTIM'S WIDOW, HAS LEFT HER JOB AS TEACHER IN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL AT MOSHI, TANZANIA TO GO TO LUSAKA.

4. TANZANIA DAILY NEWS REPORTS IT NOW DISCOVERED THAT CHITEPO CAR WAS BLOWN UP BY EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WIRED TO IGNITION, RATHER THAN BY LAND MINE.

5. COMMENT: CONTRAST BETWEEN TANGOV STATEMENTS, WHICH DO NOT PREJUDGE CHITEPO CASE, AND FIRE-EATING OAU STATEMENTS REFLECT IMPATIENCE OF LATTER WITH WHOLE IDEA OF A PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT.
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